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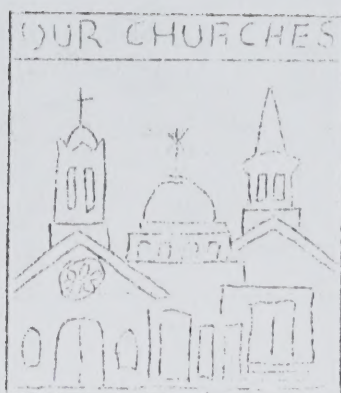
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Notes Church school during morning worship. . . . Con-
 firmation Class each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
 Wedding of Kathleen Carnese and Gary Brallier at St. Pious Church, Fairfield, Connecticut, on September 20.

Kirkentag The United Churches of the Western Area of Massachusetts are having Kirkentag, "Church Day," on Sunday afternoon and evening, November 2. An event similar to this was held for the first time last fall and it was genuinely appreciated by those who attended. It is primarily a time for celebrating the faith. Dr. Brallier is on the committee planning the event. Watch for further news concerning Kirkentag. Save the afternoon and evening of November 2 for this celebration.

17/76 Program Set for Early in 1976 The Missions Committee has set early in 1976 as the time at which the congregation will be asked to participate in the United Church effort to stand behind our six remaining colleges founded following the Civil War largely to serve blacks. The effort is being made to help these colleges bring their ability to serve more in line with currently accepted standards. It seems appropriate that we celebrate our nation's Bicentennial by helping this segment of our population achieve equal opportunity in education.

Pulpit Given in Memory of Dr. and Mrs. Harley Lutz The beautiful new pulpit that has been gracing our church as a part of the Bicentennial Restoration program is being given as a memorial to Dr. and Mrs. Harley Lutz by their family and by friends in the Elephant Rock area of Lake Garfield. The pulpit has come to be a focal point of much of the sanctuary restoration. This significant gift is accepted with genuine appreciation to those who have given it and in grateful memory of Harley and Rachel Lutz who were a part of our summer community over many years.

PROTESTANT ETHIC

When Calvinists, Quakers and Wesleyans showed us how
 To save our souls and at least part of our earnings,
 They told us not only of long and short salvation
 But also of the ecstatic indwelling of God.
 "Rejoice," they echoed St. Paul, "again rejoice,
 Rejoice at inward faith and outward gospel,
 At newness of life, at kindness to and from neighbors,
 At beauty seen in heaven and built on earth."
 Shall we who inherit hide in deep caves the hoard
 Of bliss, of blessing eternal and temporary?
 No, let us spend, invest it in hopeful ventures,
 Though risky as those by which our parents procured these riches.

Kelly Janes

UNTANGLING A ROPE

We went on a late September vacation, staying in a cottage looking toward the ocean on the Rhode Island coast. On my first morning, walking on the rocky beach, I found the night's treasure washed up on the shore. That which attracted me most was a good length of blue rope, seemingly hopelessly tangled up with itself and with other rope, a piece of a seine, wood, wire and masses of seaweed.

A single glance told me it would likely be an excellent rope if only it could be untangled from itself and from all the extra material in which it was caught and tied.

I dragged the whole messed up conglomeration to the table in front of the cottage. My early efforts told me that I was tackling a pretty complicated and trying job. Several times I asked myself if I really wanted to be using my precious vacation time in this manner.

My internal arguments over whether or not to resort to the use of a knife occupied no small part of the first half of my encounter with the rope. Sometimes it seemed I could go no further, so I talked to myself about the advisability of cutting through the knots. I reasoned with myself that I could still have several good pieces of rope. Furthermore, I could save myself the headache of trying to work out a knot that was downright stubborn, resistant and irritating.

The further I went, the more it became clear to me that extreme patience was the one quality above all I must muster if the endeavor were to come to a successful end. Time and again it looked as if I had reached the end of my resources, even though I hadn't come to the end of the rope. Sometimes there was nothing I could do but let the tangled-up mess just lie there in front of me, while waiting to overcome my frustration. There, back at it again. One thing was certain -- I had no way of going on but to work through one tangle or knot at a time. One by one, one by one. If I didn't have the guts to tackle it this way, then I must abandon the whole project. There was one way to proceed, and it was unfailing: I could keep going and make some progress simply by pulling the whole length of untangled rope through one tangle after another. The longer the rope got, the more it seemed like a forever process. But there continued to be progress, even though it seemed at times almost imperceptible.

Eventually, my eyes opened a bit wider, or was I getting a better view of the way the tangles were put together? In any instance, even though I had found no way to proceed but one step at a time, it began to dawn upon me that I was wasting time and effort by failing to see how several tangles were related to each other. So instead of pulling the full length of rope through each tangle I started to turn, twist, observe, experiment and with my eye follow the rope through the next three or four loops. Sometimes a pattern would appear in the relationship of a series of tangles and a number of the tangles could be made to fall away by treating them as a single unit. This was a real break-through and it saved a lot of the laborious pulling of the whole length of rope through each tangle.

As the work proceeded I fell to thinking how critically important it is to see the larger pattern of which tangles are composed. It is easy to lose sight of this in the middle of a tangle. I also found myself meditating on how impossible this whole thing would be without patience. Having the patience to continue the encounter, plodding as it may be, is the only way to gain better ways of seeing. Without this kind of patience there is no recourse but to start slashing a way through with a knife or to abandon the project altogether.

The further the process went, the more it became evident that genuine progress was being made. As the untangled part of the rope lengthened to 20 - 40 - 60 feet, there was increasing joy within me that I had refrained from cutting the rope. I became more and more determined that it could be preserved in its entirety, although at earlier difficult stages I had despaired of ever bringing it through in one piece.

Now, at last, I must confess that I did resort to the knife. Some of the other rope and seine intertwined with mine seemed so extraneous and useless to what I was trying to do.. I later regretted that I cut the other rope so freely. I saw once I was done that it would have been a worthwhile rope in its own right. I was blind to everything except saving that one precious rope. Alas, this other rope was cut in a dozen pieces when I had finished. The seine was shredded almost beyond recognition. I was sorry for my thoughtless mutilation of it. It might have provided an interesting decoration in the corner of the cottage even if it could no longer be used for catching fish.

When finally the process was finished I had a beautiful blue rope in excellent condition nearly 100 feet long. I marveled at the gift of the sea on my first day of vacation. The remnants of broken, cut mutilated material I returned respectfully to the sea. I knew that in its own way the sea would take this seemingly broken, wasted material and in its unceasing process work it through as it continued its way through the never-ending cycle of life.

I sat by the sea, basking in the warming sun, glad that a useless-looking tangle of rope was now free, thankful that vacations have their own way of teaching us as much about life as our working days do. I rejoiced that life gives us the sea, the sun and the opportunity to keep on growing.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



After shrinking a bit, early last month, the staff has recently taken on several new work leaders. Mark Hollander, from New York City, is spending three months here as his work period for credit at Antioch College. He is the Farm's second Antioch student, following Patricia Guy who was here for the summer. Worth Hartmann, whose home is in Indianapolis, graduated last June from Earlham College. He expects to be here about a year. Jan Cassel from Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Inneke Drees from the Netherlands trained together in the Brethren Volunteer Services Program in Chicago. They plan to spend the next eleven

months working at Gould Farm. Mrs. Virginia Toohey of Chebeague Island, Maine, is expected soon to take charge of the indoor work program. George Norian will be coming to the Farm to be the night watchman. He has been living in Pittsfield and is an old friend.

Summer activities are about over. Indoor crafts will as usual play an important part in afternoon and evening hours during the winter. A class in ceramics, under the direction of Peggy Stepnowski, is well attended. Crocheting and knitting are taught by Mrs. Loul McIntosh. A few people like to draw and paint and there are always some who specialize in photography.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Agriculture Night was observed on September 17. Winners on the results of seeds given them were: pumpkin - 1st John Lossin, 2nd Amy Enoe; beets - 1st Ethel Ketchen, 2nd Ethel Warner; potatoes - 1st Julian Work, 2nd John Lossin; carrots - 1st Floyd McKay, 2nd Eva Klein; lettuce - 1st Amy Enoe; zucchini - 1st Florence Brown, 2nd Amy Enoe; zinnias - 1st Esther O'Neil; sunflowers - 1st Annette Nelson. Judges were Betty Wilber and Eva Jespersen. Games, songs and quizzes were enjoyed by all.

On October 1st Monterey Grange #291 celebrated its 65th anniversary at an open meeting. Guest Speaker was Frank Prelli, Master of Connecticut State Grange. Also present were Sister Verna Borst, member of the Home Economics Committee, Sister Alicia La Rach, member of the Youth Committee, Deputies Earl Bond, Maurice Brazie and Edwin Cooper and David MacWhinnie, also Peter Martin, member of the Conservation Committee. There were 104 present, 34 members and 70 guests, including Selectman and Mrs. Matt Williams. The program included accordion selections by Brenda and John Ramier, children of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ramier of Great Barrington, a skit by Patricia and Richard Hardisty, vocal solos by Harry Maxwell, and closed with a patriotic tableau with Florence Brown as narrator. The closing prayer was an original one by the Reverend Raymond Ward. The anniversary cake was baked by Rose Zilka. Sisters Margaret Cummings and Lena Greene were in charge of refreshments, which were delightful and plentiful. Corsages were made by Sisters Florence Brown and Nina Tryon.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

PTA NEWS

The PTA held its first meeting of this season on Tuesday, October 14. Discussion revolved around activities and programs that would be coming up, and several projects, among them an exciting possibility for a ski series for the youngsters.

Cynthia Weber
President

LADIES' AID

The first fall meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be at the home of Mrs. Julius Miner on Thursday, November 6, at 1:30 p.m. Dues will be collected.

Helen McKay
Treasurer

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY, INC.

New Eyes for the Needy, Inc. has sent a grateful acknowledgment for the donation of glasses collected in a box in the Monterey Store.



GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout calendars will be available the beginning of November. The calendars may be purchased from any Girl Scout or leader.

The new Brownie Leader for this year is Mrs. Maureen Bradley. The troop plans on meeting for the first time the end of October. We all wish Maureen the best of luck.

Mrs. Maxine Labrecque of Hartsville is the new Junior Leader. She also plans on starting the end of the month. Good luck is also extended to her

The Cadettes this year are being led by Andrea Pizzichemi and Gwendolyn O'Connell. Meetings are to be on Wednesday evenings.

CUB SCOUTS AND WEBELOS

The Cub Scouts and Webelos will have their first meeting on Friday, October 17, after school. Mrs. Callahan of Hartsville will be taking the Cub Scouts at her home. Mrs. Pat Andrus of Monterey will be taking the Webelos for the last time. Both these leaders are in desperate need of an assistant. Please help to continue Scouts for the young boys of Monterey by helping these leaders. The first Pack meeting will be held the end of November. The theme will be an Indian Festival.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The Monterey Church Youth Group and the Girl Scouts will again hold the Hallowe'en Party for the young people of Monterey. The party for children through the sixth grade will be in the library basement. Children from grade seven up will be in the church social room. The party will be on Friday, October 31, starting at 7 o'clock. UNICEF boxes may be picked up at the church social room at 5:30.

4-H NEWS

Monterey Community Club

The Monterey Community Club, combined with the Livestock Club and the Garden Club, will start their monthly meetings on Friday, October 17, at 7 o'clock in the church social room. Sign-up for the coming year's projects and a discussion of past events are scheduled for the first meeting. Any boy or girl 6 years and up is invited to come.

Lick'em and Stick'em Stamp Club

Mr. Walter Parks and Mr. Douglas Lyman started the stamp club again for another year on October 15. Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in the library basement.

Monterey Roadrunners Horse Club

On October 6 the club had an election of officers. President is Kristine Heath; Vice President, Jessica Konigsberg; Treasurer, Kenny Heath; Secretary, Pam Gauthier; News Reporter, Christine Papp. The next meeting of the club will be November 3. Anyone wishing to join may do so then.

Christine Papp
News Reporter

4-H Cookie Sale

The 4-H cookies are in. Any 4-H member wishing to sell cookies may get them from any member of the Kenneth R. Heath family. The price for a box of cookies this year is 90¢. There are five kinds: wafer sticks, peanut butter patties, mint patties, short-bread and jelly eclairs.

Open Horse Show

At the Monterey 4-H sponsored open horse show held at Brookmead Farm in Monterey on September 28, the following placed: Pat Andrus - 2 seconds, 2 thirds, 4 fourths, 2 fifths, Sr. Reserve Champion; Susan Andrus - 2 trophies, 4 firsts, 3 seconds, 1 third, 3 fourths, 3 fifths, Sr. Grand Champion; Sylvia Brallier - 2 thirds, 1 fourth, 2 sixths; Nancy Bynack - 1 second; Paul Bynack - 1 third; Susan Bynack - 1 second; Wendy Bynack - 1 second, 2 thirds, 2 fourths, 1 sixth; Karen Champigny - 2 trophies, 4 firsts, 1 third, 2 fifths, 1 sixth, Jr. Reserve Champion; Leslie Desmond - 1 first, 3 seconds, 2 thirds, 1 fourth, 1 sixth; Karen Gillis - 1 second, 1 third, 3 fourths; Michelle Grotz - 1 fourth; Amber-Lynn Hall - 1 first; Kristine Heath - 3 trophies, 9 firsts, 1 third, 1 fourth, 1 sixth, Jr. Grand Champion; Mary-Theresa Heath - 1 seventh; Susan Heath - 1 trophy, 1 first, 1 second, 2 thirds, 2 fourths, 3 fifths, 2 sixths; Jessica Konigsberg - 1 second; Jed Linsky - 2 firsts, 3 seconds, 2 fifths, 1 sixth; Mary O'Connor - 1 second, 1 fourth, 1 fifth; Peggy O'Connor - 2 firsts, 2 thirds, 1 fourth, 2 fifths, 2 sixths; Susan O'Connor - 1 second, 1 third, 2 fifths, 1 sixth; Anna Thorn - 1 third, 1 fifth.

The show was a great success and we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Gillis for letting us use their riding ring.

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may help to slow the process of plant growth.

A proposal is being submitted to have this study continued by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. If this is successful the study can continue in the spring at no cost to the people of Lake Buel or the Town of Monterey.

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